

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

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In a very few days you will be called upon to decide whether you will support a National System of Education, or allow the Romish Priesthood to destroy it. This is the great question to be decided at the Polls. You will be asked to say, in fact, whether you favor the views of Bishop Charbonnell and his fellow-priests, who claim a share of the general funds in order to enable them to teach their own peculiar dogmas, or if you prefer to support that system of Common School Education which has already proved so beneficial to the country!

Fellow-Protestants! do not misunderstand the issue. The fatal wedge destined to rend asunder the System we so much prize, has already been inserted, and the Roman Catholic Priests are driving it home with all that determined energy which marked their unswerving course from age to age. To your hands has been committed those blood-bought privileges against which the Priesthood urge a continual and malignant warfare; and on your heads, and the heads of your children, will fall the fatal effects of any unfaithfulness to your principles.

Already the Priesthood have secured under their control Separate Schools in Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Paris, and in Waterloo; and in a few weeks London will witness the uprising of another of these pestilential plague-spots.

The Addresses of the two Candidates, JOHN CARLING and ELIJAH LEONARD, inform you as to their views on this matter. One of them, Mr. CARLING, professes himself to be favorable to the present unjust and baneful privileges conferred upon the Roman Catholic portion of the community, which enables them, and them alone, to erect Separate Schools, to be relieved from any contribution to the Common School Tax, while, at the same time, they are paid large sums of money by the Legislature. On the other hand, Mr. LEONARD declares himself an opponent to the establishment of Separate Schools under authority of the Legislature, and contributed to by the general public. He professes himself in favor of supporting a National System of Education, by which means every child in the country would receive an efficient and unsectarian education.

You, Electors! have to make your choice. You will decide by your verdict at the Polls if you prefer a miserable system of Sectarian Education, conceived in a spirit of intolerance, and resulting in ridiculous inefficiency, to a grand National Code of Education, embracing within its influence the entire youth of this young nation. To you is committed the task of introducing laws which shall affect future generations. You are to say if those laws shall foster bigotry and intolerance; if those laws shall confer especial favors upon a clamorous few; if those laws shall be carried out to the detriment of the majority for the benefit of a minority. You have to declare as between liberal and enlightened education, which tends to blend mankind in one, and that narrow-minded course of instruction which has its base in narrow prejudices, and which arrays class against class, even in childhood.

You cannot hesitate on which side to range yourselves! Choose Mr. LEONARD, the opponent of Separate Schools, as your Representative in Parliament, and thus take a bold and uncompromising stand against the insidious inroads of Popery.

A PROTESTANT ELECTOR.